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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004.

Remarks

Claims 1-13 are pending.

Restriction Requirement

Restriction to one of the following groups of claims was required under 35 U.S.C.

Section 121:

- Group I: Claims 1-4, drawn to a database for storing information, said to be classified in Class 707, subclass 1.
- Group II: Claims 5-12, drawn to a method of optimizing the performance of a light curing polymer system, said to be classified in Class 156, subclass 275.5.
- Group III: Claim 13, drawn to a method for designing photocuring systems, said to be classified in Class 707, subclass 3.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the Group II claims with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement is improper for the following reasons.

Since each of the three groups of claims relates to a photocuring system, the searches required will be substantially the same. A search for the database should also produce references

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concerning the methods. Searching all three groups for a single patent application thus should not present an extra burden for the PTO, and Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement.

Concluding Remarks

Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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